

Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of new mothers who reported the following reasons for not breastfeeding

Survey Question 54: What were your reasons for not breastfeeding your baby?

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I didn't like breastfeeding	36.7	28.9 - 45.3	59	8,078
I didn't want to	18.5	13.1 - 25.4	37	4,061
I went back to work or school	18.2	12.6 - 25.6	31	4,009
I was sick or on medicine	13.2	8.9 - 19.2	29	2,899
I tried but it was too hard	9.7	6.0 - 15.4	17	2,139
I had other children to take care of	8.9	5.5 - 13.9	19	1,954
I had too many household duties	5.0	2.5 - 9.8	11	1,109

¹**Percentage** = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth to live infants in 2013 who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

²**CI** = confidence interval

³**Respondents (N)** = Total number of mothers who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

⁴**Estimated population affected** = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2013 who would respond Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator